

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Wrangell****Project Title:**

Wrangell - Police 4-Wheel Drive Enforcement Vehicle

State Funding Requested: \$ 45,000**House District: 2 - A**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funding for purchase of a 4-wheel drive vehicle for the Wrangell police force.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$45,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Funding for purchase of a 4-wheel drive patrol vehicle for the Wrangell police force. In FY08 Wrangell received a grant from the state for the emergency replacement of two police patrol vehicles. At the time, it was noted that another police vehicle would need to be replaced in the near future. The police department identified the need for a 4-wheel drive vehicle to enhance their capabilities and provide greater reliability. This is particularly important when responding to search and rescue (SAR) missions, particularly in off road situations. In addition to a 4-wheel drive capability, these vehicles will be outfitted with additional life safety equipment for the aforementioned SAR missions. This is an important investment that will improve public safety in Wrangell.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Wrangell

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- 3. Project Name: Police Vehicle**
Funding Priorities: Life, Health and Safety
Location: Wrangell, Alaska House District 2
Funding Request: \$35,000

Project Description: Wrangell Police Department has four (4) police vehicles, all but one have in excess of 100,000 miles. One of the four vehicles during a routine monthly inspection/maintenance was declared unsafe to operate due to extensive corrosion and rust of the frames. The vehicle has in excess of 180,000 miles. In addition, two of the remaining three vehicles have only a 1 and 2 year life remaining. The new vehicle is necessary to maintain safety within the community.

Completion Date: ASAP

Matching Funds:

Community Priority: Community Safety

Seeking Federal Funds: No

- 4. Project Name: Heat Rate Transformer upgrades**
Funding Priorities: Infrastructure, Life, Health, Safety, Economic Development
Location: Wrangell, Alaska House District 2
Funding Request: \$50,000

Project Description: The City has provided an electrical incentive for residents that switch to electrical heat. In order to accommodate the huge increase, several transformers need to be upgraded and replaced.

Completion Date: September 2008

Matching Funds: \$10,000

Community Priority: Yes, CEDS

Seeking Federal Funds: No

- 5. Project Name: Repair downtown industrial dock**
Funding Priorities: Transportation, Economic Development, Infrastructure, Life, Health and Safety
Location: Wrangell, Alaska House District 2
Funding Request: \$500,000

Project Description: This dock, also known as the "Old Mill Dock", is a 320 X 200 sq foot dock and is the City's industrial dock. All shipments of seafood go over this dock, as do construction supplies and other goods. The travel lift also uses one end of the dock. The dock is structurally in good shape but it needs redecking and the bull rails need to be repaired to maintain a long term use.

Completion Date: Spring 2009

Matching Funds:

Community Priority: Yes, CEDS

Seeking Federal Funds: Yes

State Funding Priorities Wrangell, Alaska February 12, 2008

1. Garbage Trucks: Solid Waste Collection Improvements: \$500,000

Both garbage trucks are past due for replacement. Now is the time to switch to automatic pickup garbage trucks and standardized containers. This would reduce the man-hours required to collect garbage and practically eliminate injuries on one of our most injury prone jobs.

2. Water Treatment Improvements: \$2,000,000

The water treatment plant needs improvements. The City has enough money from a DEC grant to construct a water line from the our upper reservoir to the plant, but it is not enough money to breach the dam and connect the water line to the reservoir. The City also needs to install a second water tank to increase storage capacity. Additional treatment processes to address the high lead and copper, and high HAA5 content need to be installed. A standby generator is required. Another piece of equipment that will minimize long term costs of the City includes a sand recycler to clean our sand filters rather than replacing the sand. A fenced settling pond is also being required for back-flush water.

3. Police Vehicle: \$35,000

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4. Marine Repair Yard: \$2.1 million

The City constructed a Marine Repair Facility in 2005 with a Travel Lift. The use of the yard for boat maintenance and storage has exceeded the business plan. Growth has been more rapid than the development plans and thus the funds to complete the expanded yard area are not available. The funds are needed to provide ground leveling activities, fill, surveys, utility extension and surfacing for the remainder of the yard.

5. Marine Repair Washdown: \$125,000 (out of \$460,000 cost)

As part of the Marine Repair facility, a boat washdown area must be installed to meet the environmental regulations. The cost of the Washdown area is \$460,000, of which the City has all but \$125,000, due to the increase in the components from 3 years ago.

6. Cruise ship dock repair and maintenance: \$1.75 million

The City Dock, which is also known as the cruise ship dock, was surveyed 5 years ago to obtain a condition report. According to the report there were several key activities that need to be completed to keep the dock safe for 20 years. Zinc needs to be applied to the steel piling, and they need to be wrapped against the elements. The City is actively pursuing cruise ship port calls and when large ships resume calling on Wrangell (2009 – 2010) the problems will quickly begin to have a very negative effect on the sustainability of the increased traffic. Major safety considerations will quickly become apparent if these issues are not remedied.

7. Spur Road Electrical Extension: \$110,000

The Spur Road is actually named Ishiyama Drive and accesses larger municipal, Mental Health Trust lands, and private lands that are zoned for development activities. One of the deterrents to development is the lack of utilities, electrical being the most important.

8. State Highway Street lighting – 6 to 9 mile Zimovia Highway: \$300,000

There is community support to improve the highway lighting from 6 to 9 miles on Zimovia Highway after several near accidents have occurred from falling rocks and trees on the highway. Trees used to fall onto powerlines, knocking out the electricity, but in 2005, a large portion of the land belonging to Mental Health Trust was logged. Now some of the remaining logs, and rocks have fallen on the highway creating what the community believes as serious safety risks. State DOT/PF says they do not have adequate funds for the additional lighting.

9. Heat Rate Transformer upgrades: \$50,000

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10. Repair downtown industrial dock: \$500,000

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11. Street Sweeper: \$218,000

The City’s sweeper broke several years ago and has not been able to be replaced. The roads cannot be cleaned which not only affects the City’s appearance (and affects our growing tourism industry) but also affects the storm drain system. Clogs created from excess debris that flows into the catch basins and storm drains have created an increased maintenance issue and cost for the City.

12. Municipal Building Repairs: \$3 million

The Public Safety Building and the Pool/Recreational facility were both constructed in 1986. The City performs annual maintenance but the age is resulting in more problems that the City can currently address. Both have roof and exterior problems and are in the need of interior remodeling to address newer use requirements and code issues. The Community Center, a multiple use facility which houses a community gym used by elementary, middle school and community activities, a stage area, City records storage, and the Boys and Girls Club facilities was constructed in the 1950’s. The downstairs is vacant and underutilized because of environmental issues such as asbestos piping, building code issues and potential fire code issues as it relates to uses of the facility. Roof and Exterior problems as well as interior problems need to be addressed to more fully utilize the facility.

13. City Dock Catwalk: \$200,000

In 2004, at the request of Norwegian Cruiseline who was calling on Wrangell at the time, constructed a stern mooring dolphin 225 feet off the north end of the City Dock, also known as the Cruiseship dock. Funds from a revolving loan fund the City had established were used, but there were not adequate funds to construct the catwalk from the dock proper to the dolphin. Cruise lines and Stevedooring have requested the funds as a safety and access need.

14. Heritage Harbor Parking Lot paving: \$850,000

In the fall of 2007 Heritage Harbor was completed and opened for moorage. The City needs to pave the parking lot area to minimize the dust on adjacent residents and to minimize the maintenance needs.